



**2023-2024**  
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## **2023-2024 Dallas County Promise Policies**

### **Executive Summary:**

Dallas County Promise (known as Promise) is a transformational effort between school districts, colleges, universities, workforce, and communities to reduce the financial burden on students while completing a postsecondary degree or credential.

Through the Promise program, participating colleges provide last-dollar tuition funding to students who graduate from one of 82 Promise high schools with a diploma and/or associate degree. The Promise grant funding covers the gap between need-based financial aid and the cost of tuition for up to a time limit or the completion of a degree per institution.

Promise tuition funding is awarded to students who meet certain eligibility requirements and deadlines at participating college and university partners. In addition to the financial award, Promise Scholars will get access to dedicated student supports.

A growing list of colleges and universities are involved in the success of the Promise program, and funding is available for Texas resident students who qualify.

### **The Goal of Dallas County Promise:**

To provide the necessary financial, educational, and career support to prepare students for success in education beyond high school, future careers, and life.

## Section I: Dallas College

Students, regardless of grade point average, with a family income of \$75,000 or less, who graduate in 2023-2024 from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the Promise deadlines, will receive sufficient funding to pay the full cost of tuition in accordance with Table 1 at Dallas College.

For this year, as Dallas College Promise institutes an income cap, siblings of previous Dallas Promise Scholars (as indicated on the Path form, with "sibling" defined as sharing one or more parents or legal guardians) who exceed the family income limit but otherwise meet all other Promise eligibility requirements, will receive sufficient funding to pay the full cost of tuition in accordance with Table 1 at Dallas College:

**Table 1 – Maximum Promise Eligibility**

Certificate/Degree Plan	Maximum Promise Eligibility
Continuing Education Unit (CEU)	Three consecutive academic years or completion*
Associate degree (with Diploma)	Three consecutive academic years or completion*
Bachelor degree (with Diploma)	Five consecutive academic years or completion*
Bachelor degree (with Associate degree)**	Three consecutive academic years or completion*

\*whichever comes first

\*\*e.g. Early College High School or P-TECH students

Promise funding is only available for a student's first associate and/or bachelor's degree and does not include the cost of textbooks or other learning materials.

Additionally, Dallas County Promise Scholars will be paired with a Dallas Promise Case Manager and supported by a Dallas College Success Coach and will have access to additional transfer scholarships to attend partner four-year universities. Some transfer offers have additional merit- and need-based qualifications.

*Beyond the expenses funded by Dallas County Promise, there are other college costs that Scholars should budget for, including supplies, transportation, rent, and food.*

### A. Eligibility

2023-2024 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Enrolled in a participating high school (see Appendix A) as of November 1, 2023 and graduate from a participating high school during the 2023-2024 school year.
  - a. Students graduating in December 2023 are Promise eligible; however, Promise funding does not begin until the Fall semester following high school graduation, Fall 2024.
  - b. Students must graduate between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024

to be eligible for Promise in Fall 2024.

2. Meet all Promise deadlines for Path, admissions application, financial aid application, and enrollment.
3. Are a U.S. Citizen eligible for in-state tuition or are a Non-U.S. Citizen eligible for in-state tuition that complete a Free Application for Federal

Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) application.

- a. Students who have not met Texas residency requirements must file an appeal with Dallas County Promise to be considered for the Dallas County Promise. The appeal process will be published in March 2024 on DallasCountyPromise.org.
  - b. Students classified for residency as international or out-of-country students are not eligible for the Promise. Students who have questions regarding their eligibility for in-district or in-state residency status for tuition purposes should visit their college admissions office.
4. Must start classes the Fall semester after their high school graduation.
- a. Promise scholars must enroll in the Fall and Spring semester during their first year and must not skip a Fall or Spring semester during the three-year eligibility period for associate degree seekers or five-year eligibility period for bachelor's degree seekers.
  - b. Promise Scholars may enroll in Fall, Spring, Summer, winter, or May terms after enrolling in their initial Fall semester.
  - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for one long semester (Fall or Spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each Fall and Spring semesters.

Dallas County Promise does not have an initial GPA or income requirement to receive tuition assistance at Dallas College, however students must meet the cumulative GPA requirement and Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress each year. There is no cap on the number of 2023-2024 graduates that can receive the Promise gap funding at Dallas College.

High school students who do not meet the Dallas County Promise deadlines and choose to attend a Promise Partner college will be responsible for all tuition and costs not covered by other scholarships or financial aid.

**A Promise Scholar at Dallas College May:**

- Enroll in any college credit program (certificate, associate, or bachelor's degree) or in approved non-credit workforce training certificate programs (CEU Programs) through continuing education as long as these non-credit programs are approved by THECB and qualify for reimbursement by the state. See Appendix B for current list of approved non-credit programs.

- Continue on and earn an associate or bachelor's degree after completing a CEU program.
- Receive other scholarship funds (contact financial aid office for further details).
- Use Promise program dollars towards the completion of developmental classes.
- Use Promise program dollars towards the completion Bachelor of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education and Teaching (BAS ECE), which would extend their Promise eligibility to period from three years to five

**A Promise Scholar at Dallas College Must:**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Only use Promise dollars towards a first degree. Students who graduate with an associate degree from high school may not use Promise dollars to attend Dallas College to complete an additional associate degree or Workforce Training Certificate.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, before Spring Priority registration begins.
- Check in with their Dallas Promise Case Manager and Success Coach, at a minimum, once per semester. Face to face check-in is not required. Check-in must be acknowledged by a Promise Success Coach as being completed satisfactorily.

**A Promise Scholar at Dallas College *May Not*:**

- Use Promise grant towards non-credit continuing education courses that are not part of a state-approved credential (e.g. institutional awards) or are not listed to fill a demand occupation in the local market.
- Use the Promise award towards more than one CEU program.
- Use Promise grant towards study abroad courses.
- Purchase textbooks, supplies, or other items with Promise award funds.
- Use the award at another non-Promise college/university outside of Dallas College.
- Use Promise funds upon return to Dallas College after attending another institution.
- Can not receive Promise funding for concurrent enrollment at Dallas College and another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Promise dollars in his/her award account.

- Enter the Promise Program during the Summer prior to the scholar's first semester in the program.

### **Immediate Ineligibility Criteria**

Should a student fail to adhere to any/all policies, Dallas County Promise invokes the right to remove a student's eligibility. It is the scholar's responsibility to keep contact information up to date with Dallas County Promise and the awarding institution's registrar's office. Incorrect contact information does not prevent a student from becoming ineligible.

A Promise scholar will become immediately ineligible for his/her award if the scholar:

1. Does not comply with the Dallas College Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP):  
Which indicates that a student must maintain:
  - a. 2.00 cumulative (overall) GPA on a 4.00 scale on all credit-based hours completed at Dallas College.
  - b. Completion of 67% of all attempted credit hours at Dallas College. Failure to comply with either the 2.00 GPA or 67% completion ratio will place the student on a Warning period of one full term or semester in which the student will maintain eligibility for the Dallas County Promise program as well as any other Financial Aid. If the student continues to Fall below these standards at the end of the Warning period then the student will be removed permanently from the Dallas County Promise program and Suspended from Financial Aid until such time the student meets those standards.
  - c. If the student attempts credit hours in excess of 150 percent of the minimum number of hours required to complete the scholar's program of study, the student will be removed from the Dallas County Promise as well as be Suspended from Financial Aid. In an Associates program the minimum number of hours to complete the program is 60 college level credit hours. Under this 150% standard an allowance of up to 90 college level credit attempted hours is made for completion.
2. Does not register for Fall and Spring semesters. Does not complete 18 credit hours per academic year. Does not declare a CEU program during the three years\* in the Promise program at Dallas College (\*five years for bachelor's degree candidates).



3. Does not re-apply for next academic year's FAFSA/TASFA by March 1, 2024. (Students must be sure to add Dallas College, school code 004453, as a recipient on the FAFSA and list Dallas College as the College/University on the TASFA form.)
4. Is suspended or expelled by the campus for violating the Dallas College Student Code of Conduct.
5. Use Promise funds upon return to Dallas College after attending another institution.
6. Can not receive Promise funding for concurrent enrollment at Dallas College and another institution.
7. "Stop Out" Appeal not approved.
8. Knowingly falsifies or enters major discrepancies of any information on their Promise application, admissions application, or FAFSA/TASFA application.

Eligibility for the Dallas County Promise program is consistent with the same eligibility requirements with respect to a student's criminal record as those in the federal Title IV programs that includes the Federal Pell Grant program.

### **Promise Reinstatement Policy**

If a student is suspended from or becomes ineligible to receive the Promise Program because of qualifying special circumstances (i.e. military, pregnancy, documented illness, etc.), the student may submit a petition to Dallas College with information on the mitigating circumstances that resulted in his or her loss of eligibility. The petition form must include supporting documentation regarding the circumstances. A committee will review each student's submission during a two week window after the Fall, Spring, and Summer terms. The student will be notified by Dallas College within 30 business days after a decision has been made regarding the appeal.

### **B. Application**

To receive the Dallas County Promise grant, 2023-2024 graduates must meet three key deadlines:

- **February 1, 2024:** Complete the Dallas County Promise Path form at [www.DallasCountyPromise.org](http://www.DallasCountyPromise.org).
- **May 1, 2024:** Complete Dallas College admission application
  - Active dual credit students taking courses in the 2023 Fall term at Dallas College need only to update their contact information with campus at which they intend to enroll. If students are not currently taking classes at Dallas College, they will need to reapply.

- **May 1, 2024:** Submit FAFSA or TASFA with Dallas College listed (school code 004453).
- **August 1, 2024:** Complete Dallas College registration for the Fall semester.

### **C. Payments and Renewal**

Promise scholars will never directly receive funds from Dallas County Promise. After a Promise scholar's eligible state and federal grant or gift financial aid have been transmitted, the Dallas College Foundation will fund any remaining tuition balance with the dollars that Dallas College has designated for the Promise grant.

To receive their initial financial aid award from Dallas College, Promise scholars must complete the following:

1. Promise Scholars must register on or before August 1, 2024 to remain eligible for the Promise program.
2. Promise Scholars must identify and declare a program of study (major or career path) at time of registration in order for financial aid to disburse.
3. Promise scholars must complete pre-advising before registration begins to select courses that apply toward the scholar's degree and/or certificate plan.

To maintain eligibility to renew the Promise award, scholars must complete the following:

1. Successfully complete at least 18 hours over the course of the academic year. An academic year includes Fall, Spring and Summer semesters.
  - a. Promise scholars must enroll in a credit or CEU Program leading to a credit degree or certificate. These programs must be classified as "reimbursable" by the State of Texas. See Appendix B.
  - b. Scholars may not receive Promise funding for more than 36 credit hours per academic year (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters).
  - c. Scholars must meet Dallas College Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy in order to remain in the program: [www.dcccd.edu/sap](http://www.dcccd.edu/sap). As listed above, a student who does not maintain the SAP standards may be removed from the Dallas County Promise Program.
  - d. Students will receive warning – adding and dropping classes will affect financial aid and may also affect Promise eligibility.
2. Renew their FAFSA/TASFA by May 1, 2024 (school code 004453).

3. Students are required to check-in with both their Dallas Promise Case Manager and Success Coach, at minimum, once per semester. Dallas Promise Case Management can be reached by emailing: [DC-DallasPromise@DallasCollege.edu](mailto:DC-DallasPromise@DallasCollege.edu). Face-to-face check-in is not required. Check-in must be acknowledged by a Promise Success Coach as being completed satisfactorily.

#### **D. Additional Considerations**

- **Correct Contact Information:** The student is responsible for notifying Dallas County Promise and their college when his/her contact information changes by emailing [student.success@dallascountypromise.org](mailto:student.success@dallascountypromise.org). (Include full name and student ID.) Incorrect information does not prevent a student from becoming ineligible. Once a student is enrolled, correct contact information must be on file with the student's Success Coach.
- **Determining Program Eligibility:** Only designated staff members of Dallas County Promise, Dallas College, or other partner college/university may determine a student's eligibility.
- **Policy Changes:** Policies may be subject to change without notice. It is a student's responsibility to refer to the policies as posted at [dallascountypromise.org](http://dallascountypromise.org) for updates and changes to the Promise program.

**Contact:** [Student.Success@dallascountypromise.org](mailto:Student.Success@dallascountypromise.org)

## **Section II: Midwestern State University**

At Midwestern State University (MSU), the Dallas County Promise is funded by MSU endowment dollars and is an extension of their Mustangs Guarantee Program.

All Dallas County Promise (Promise) students who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program are eligible to attend MSU as a first-year or transfer student. To be eligible for Dallas County Promise/Mustang Guarantee, students must be Texas residents, admitted to MSU, Pell Grant eligible, and have a combined annual family Adjusted Gross Income of \$65,000 or less.

The Dallas County Promise program will cover the remaining balance of any tuition and mandatory fees for 15 or more credit hours each semester for up to four academic years (Summer terms and non-MSU enrolled hours are not included) that are NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student. All MSU partnership requirements are specified in the sections below.

In addition to mandatory tuition and fee expenses covered by the MSU Mustangs Guarantee Program and the Dallas County Promise, scholars should budget for additional items that include, but are not limited to housing and food, transportation, supplies (both academic and personal), parking fees, installment plan fees, post office box rental fees, late fines, reinstatement fees, late registration fees, etc.

In accordance with NCAA rules, current and prospective student-athletes will be offered awards on an individual basis; certain forms of assistance, such as those offered through the Dallas County Promise / Mustangs Guarantee Program, may not be awarded to a student-athlete.

### **A. First Year Student Enrollment at Midwestern State University**

Students eligible to attend MSU after high school graduation within the parameters of the Promise program must meet **ALL** of the following criteria. High school students who do not meet the Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. International students currently are not eligible for the Dallas County Promise program at MSU.

## **1. Eligibility**

2023-2024 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at Midwestern State University as a new, first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full 2023-2024 school year and graduate in the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Meet all Promise deadlines for the Promise Path form, admission application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Have a combined family adjusted gross income of \$65,000 or less as reported on the FAFSA.
4. Be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant program as determined by the FAFSA.
5. Be a US citizen and a Texas resident.
6. Must start classes the Fall semester after their high school graduation.
  - a. Promise scholars must enroll in the Fall and Spring semester during their first year and must not skip a Fall or Spring semester during the four-year eligibility period.
  - b. Promise Scholars may receive the award benefit for Fall and Spring terms but NOT for Summer or mini terms.
  - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for one long semester (Fall or Spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each Fall and Spring semesters.

Students who graduate from high school with their associate degree are also eligible to enroll directly to Midwestern State University and will complete the same steps as outlined below.

## **2. Application**

- Meet all Promise deadlines for the Promise Path form, admission application, financial aid application, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment.
- Be accepted for admission to Midwestern State University for a Fall term on/before March 1, 2024. The \$40 application fee will be waived for students with a complete Promise Path form on file.
- Have a complete financial aid file on/before March 1, 2024 which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.
- To ensure prospective students are considered not only for Promise but for all of MSU's competitive scholarships, scholars are required to apply for admissions and financial aid by March 1, 2024.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid as well as fee waivers contact Cristie Glazner at [cristie.glazner@msutexas.edu](mailto:cristie.glazner@msutexas.edu).

### **3. Payments and Renewal**

Once a Promise student is enrolled at MSU, scholars must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Maintain a minimum of at least 15 credit hours through the 12th class day each Fall and Spring semester (non-MSU enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each Fall and Spring term
- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 at the end of each Fall and Spring semester
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of MSU's Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the MSU Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within four (4) years of enrollment at MSU

Promise scholars may receive other private and institutional scholarship or financial aid funds which will be used towards the fulfillment of the MSU mandatory tuition and fees as part of the Mustangs Guarantee Program. Once tuition and fees are covered in full, any remaining scholarship or financial aid accepted by the student, will be used to cover MSU housing and dining costs. After all financial obligations to MSU are paid in full by aid received, a refund will be issued to the student to pay for any remaining educationally related expenses as long as there are remaining funds in the student's account.

#### **A Promise Scholar at MSU May:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at MSU for further details)

#### **A Promise Scholar at MSU Must:**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by March 1 each year.

#### **A Promise Scholar at MSU *May Not*:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside MSU.
- Return to MSU and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.

- Receive a refund of any unspent Promise dollars in his/her award account.

## **B. Transfer Enrollment to Midwestern State University**

Students are eligible to transfer to MSU within the parameters of the Promise program must meet all of the following criteria. High school students who do not meet the Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. International students currently are not eligible to receive the tuition benefit at MSU through the Promise program.

### **1. Eligibility**

Scholars who remain Promise eligible and complete an associate degree from Dallas College with at least a 2.00 GPA and other key criteria can receive a last-dollar, tuition-only award to MSU. **Students wishing to transfer to MSU before completing an Associate degree are ineligible to receive a Promise award and would fall into the MSU standard transfer award policies and process.**

Transfer eligibility criteria is as follows:

1. Promise Scholars must maintain Promise eligibility at Dallas College and must enroll at MSU the Fall or Spring semester after graduation from Dallas College with their transferable associate degree (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts in Teaching)
2. Be a US citizen and a Texas resident
3. Have a combined family adjusted gross income of \$65,000 or less as reported on the FAFSA
4. Be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant program as determined by the FAFSA
5. Students must be accepted for transfer admission to MSU no later than March 1 for the Fall semester or November 1 for the Spring semester of the year in which the student intends to transfer
6. Students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year on or before March 1.
7. Must start classes the semester after their associate degree completion.
  - a) Promise scholars may not skip a Fall or Spring semester during the three-year eligibility period.
  - b) Promise scholars may receive the award benefit for Fall and Spring terms but NOT for Summer or mini terms.
  - c) "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for one long semester (Fall or Spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each Fall and Spring semesters.

**A Promise Scholar at MSU May:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at MSU for further details)

**A Promise Scholar at MSU Must:**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by March 1 each year.

**A Promise Scholar at MSU *May Not*:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside MSU.
- Return to MSU and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Promise dollars in his/her award account.

**2. Application**

2023-2024 Promise Scholars must declare their intent to transfer to MSU by March 15 with their Dallas College Success Coach during their first year at Dallas College.

Additionally, prospective Promise Transfer Scholars must:

1. Be admitted to MSU by March 1 for Fall or November 1 for Spring semesters including submitting official transcripts from all previously attended and/or currently enrolled colleges/universities. The \$40 application fee will be waived for students with a complete Promise Path form on file.
2. Have a complete financial aid file on/before March 1 for Fall or December 1 for Spring which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.
3. To ensure prospective students are considered not only for Promise but for all of MSU's competitive scholarships, scholars are encouraged to apply for admissions and financial aid by January 15 for Fall or November 1 for Spring.

**3. Payments and Renewal Criteria**

Once a Promise student is enrolled at MSU, scholars must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:



- Maintain a minimum of at least 15 credit hours each Fall and Spring semester (non-enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each Fall term
- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 at the end of each Fall and Spring semester
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of MSU's Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the MSU Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within three (3) years of enrollment at MSU

For more information about applying for transfer admission, scholarships or financial aid as well as fee waivers contact Cristie Glazner at [cristie.glazner@msutexas.edu](mailto:cristie.glazner@msutexas.edu).

## Section III: Southern Methodist University

At Southern Methodist University (SMU), the Dallas County Promise (Promise) program places an SMU education within students' reach by combining with other grants and scholarships to meet SMU tuition and fees. Selection is based on academic quality and need. Student must be a Texas resident and qualify for a Pell Grant or have equivalent need. SMU is expanding the eligible high schools to include all 2023-2024 Dallas County Promise high schools (see Appendix A).

### Dallas County Promise Award

Students that are enrolled in the Dallas Promise Program are **NOT** automatically selected and awarded an SMU Dallas County Mustang Promise award. **Dual credit high school students that have earned an associate degree at the time of graduation are NOT eligible for this award.**

SMU will select up to five (5) high school seniors to receive a two-year Promise award. This is a last-dollar award (combined with other grants and scholarships) to provide full tuition and fees. It is available exclusively to students who meet the requirements below, have fulfilled the requirements for the Dallas County Promise program, and plan to earn an **Associate of Arts** or **Associate of Science** degree from Dallas College **PRIOR** to attending SMU.

Selection is through a holistic review process based on academic and extra-curricular achievement, financial need, and leadership potential as demonstrated throughout high school and in the application process.

#### 1. Eligibility Requirements

- Students must be graduating from a participating Dallas County Promise high school located in Dallas County (Texas)
- Texas residency
- Verified Pell Grant eligibility as defined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the equivalent demonstrated need as defined by the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)
- Priority given to students with a cumulative "A" average (3.5 GPA on an unweighted 4.0 scale) in grades 9-12
- Students must complete the requirements for the Dallas County Promise Path
- Students must complete their associate degree after graduating from high school (students graduating high school with an associate's are not eligible)

#### 2. Transfer Enrollment

Students are chosen as recipients of the Promise Award upon graduating from high school and will transfer into SMU AFTER completing their associate degree at Dallas College (post high school graduation). Once selected through the holistic review process based on academic and extracurricular achievement, financial need, and leadership potential, students must:

- Submit an admission update form to SMU by April 1, 2026 along with any supporting materials
- Submit your FAFSA and CSS PROFILE® by April 1, 2026. Students not eligible to submit a FAFSA may submit the TASFA
- Students must submit an official final college transcript at the end of the Spring term showing final grades

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid as well as fee waivers, contact Jacqueline Ortiz, Admission Counselor, at [jacquelineo@mail.smu.edu](mailto:jacquelineo@mail.smu.edu).

### **3. Payments and Renewal**

The SMU transfer award is contingent on the student completing at least 50 hours and an Associate of Arts degree or Associate of Science degree within two years of graduating from high school while earning a 3.500 cumulative GPA from Dallas College. *(Note: Associate of Applied Arts degrees, Associate of Applied Science degrees, and Associate of Arts in Teaching degrees do not meet this requirement.)*

Promise scholars must maintain the following to remain eligible:

- Maintain a satisfactory disciplinary and criminal record while at Dallas College and SMU
- Maintain a 2.500 cumulative SMU GPA, successfully complete 75% of courses attempted, and maintain full-time student status
- This award is good for five (5) consecutive semesters (2.5 academic years) or until you complete your bachelor's degree, whichever comes first
- Students must submit new financial forms annually

### **4. Timeline**

The following timeline should be followed during a student's senior year of high school:

- January 15: Submit completed SMU application with all required documents. Priority deadline for FAFSA/TASFA and CSS Profile submission

Mid-March: Students will be notified if they are selected for the Promise Award in their admission letter. A deadline for accepting the award offer will be included in the letter.

## **Section IV: Texas A&M University – Commerce**

At Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce), enrolled Dallas County Promise students are funded by A&M-Commerce institutional dollars which is an extension of Presidents Promise.

All Dallas County Promise (Dallas Promise) scholars who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program are eligible to attend A&M-Commerce as a first-year or transfer student.

Students enrolling in A&M-Commerce directly after graduating from high school, including students completing an associate degree in high school, are eligible for a last-dollar tuition grant to cover the remaining balance of any tuition for 15 credit hours each semester (Summer terms and non-A&M-Commerce enrolled hours are not included) NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student

For students completing an associate degree after attending Dallas College, A&M-Commerce as part of the Dallas County Promise program will cover the remaining balance of any tuition for 15 credit hours each semester for up to four semesters NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits, and/or waiver programs received by the student.

To be eligible for Dallas County Promise, students must be Texas residents, admitted to A&M-Commerce, be eligible to receive a federal Pell grant and have a family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$85,000 or less.

Once Scholars meet eligibility and enroll, A&M-Commerce will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied. Dallas County Promise Scholars who receive the A&M-Commerce Dallas County Promise Program should plan to budget for additional items that include, but are not limited to: institutional fees, housing and food, transportation, supplies (both academic and personal), parking fees, etc.

### **A. First Year Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at Texas A&M University-Commerce – Traditional HS Diploma OR Both an Associate Degree and HS Diploma**

Students who graduate from a participating Promise high school (see Appendix A) with 1) their high school diploma OR 2) with both an associate

degree and a high school diploma are eligible to enroll directly to Texas A&M University-Commerce.

- **Traditional HS Diploma Eligibility Period**: Students with a high school diploma (and no associate degree) will be considered for and be considered for a last-dollar award for 15 credit hours each semester (Fall and Spring only) for up to eight (8) semesters (four academic years).
- **Associate Degree and HS Diploma Eligibility Period**: Students who graduate from high school with both their associate degree and a high school diploma will be considered for a last-dollar award for 15 credit hours each semester for up to four (4) semesters (two academic years).

Once enrolled at A&M-Commerce, the Dallas County Promise award will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied.

High school students who do not meet the Dallas County Promise program deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid.

- **Eligibility**

Current high school students are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at Texas A&M University-Commerce as a new, first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full current school year and graduate from a participating high school in the current school year
2. Meet all Dallas County Promise program deadlines for the Promise Path form, admission application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Qualify for a federal Pell grant or the equivalent demonstrated need as defined by TASFA.
4. Have a family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$85,000 or less.
5. Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
6. Must start classes the Fall semester after their high school graduation.
  - a. Dallas County Promise scholars must enroll in the Fall and Spring semester during their first year and must not skip a Fall or Spring semester during their eligibility period.
  - b. Dallas County Promise scholars may receive the award benefit for Fall and Spring terms but NOT for Summer or mini terms.

- c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Dallas County Promise and sit out for one long semester (Fall or Spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each Fall and Spring semester.

International students currently are not eligible for the Dallas County Promise program at A&M-Commerce.

- **Application**

- Meet all Dallas County Promise program deadlines for the Promise Path form, admission applications, financial aid applications, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment.
- Apply for admission to Texas A&M University-Commerce for a Fall term by the priority deadline of December 1 (final deadline to apply is March 1).
- For the current school year have a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA by the priority deadline of January 15 (final deadline is March 1), which includes the submission of all required documents.
- To ensure prospective students are eligible to apply for other A&M-Commerce competitive scholarships, Dallas County Promise students are encouraged to be admitted to A&M-Commerce and to have applied for financial aid by the published priority deadlines. After the priority deadline, scholarships are awarded as funds are available.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid contact [Yadira.Munoz@tamuc.edu](mailto:Yadira.Munoz@tamuc.edu).

- **Payments and Renewal**

Once a Dallas County Promise Scholar graduating from high school with a high school diploma is enrolled at A&M-Commerce, they must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving the Dallas County Promise award. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered for a minimum of at least 15 credit hours through the 12th class day each Fall and Spring semester (non-A&M-Commerce enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 15 credit hours at the end of each Fall and Spring semester
- Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 to be checked at the end of each Fall and Spring semester. Students Falling below a 2.00 GPA at the Fall semester will be

given a warning and will still be eligible for the Dallas County Promise award in the Spring.

- Meet and maintain minimum standards of A&M-Commerce Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the A&M-Commerce Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within the eligibility period at A&M-Commerce.

**A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May:**

- Receive other outside private, endowed and departmental scholarships

**A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce Must:**

- Review and accept the terms and conditions for the Dallas County Promise award.
- Submit the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete all required verification steps and/or submit the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) by the priority deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup> (final deadline is March 1).

**A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce *May Not*:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside A&M-Commerce.
- Return to A&M-Commerce and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas County Promise award dollars in award account.

**B. Transfer Enrollment to Texas A&M University-Commerce**

**1. Eligibility**

Scholars who remain Dallas County Promise award eligible and complete an associate degree from Dallas College with at least a 2.000 GPA and other key criteria can receive a last-dollar, tuition-only award to A&M-Commerce. Students wishing to transfer to A&M-Commerce before completing an associate degree are ineligible to receive a Dallas County Promise award. Such transfers would have to meet the A&M-Commerce standard transfer scholarship policies and process.

Transfer eligibility criteria is as follows:

1. Dallas County Promise Scholars must maintain Dallas County Promise eligibility at Dallas College and must enroll at A&M-Commerce the Fall  
or



Spring semester after graduation from Dallas College with their transferable associate degree (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts in Teaching)

2. Be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
3. Qualify for a federal Pell grant or the equivalent demonstrated need as defined by TASFA.
4. Have a family Adjusted Gross Income of \$85,000 or less.
5. Student must be accepted for transfer admission to A&M-Commerce by June 1 for the Fall semester or December 1 prior to the Spring semester of the year in which the student intends to transfer
6. Student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) each year by the priority deadline of January 15 (final date to apply is March 1)
7. Must start classes the semester after their associate degree completion.
  - a) Dallas County Promise scholars may not skip a Fall or Spring semester during four (4) semesters (two academic years) period of eligibility.
  - b) Dallas County Promise scholars may receive the award benefit for Fall and Spring terms but NOT for Summer or mini terms.
  - c) "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Dallas County Promise and sit out for one long semester (Fall or Spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each Fall and Spring semesters.

Transfer students who do not meet the Dallas County Promise final deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. International students currently are not eligible to receive the tuition benefit at A&M-Commerce through the Dallas County Promise program.

**A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May:**

- Receive other outside private, endowed and departmental scholarships

**A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce Must:**

- Review and accept the terms and conditions for the Dallas County Promise award.
- Submit the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete all required verification steps and/or submit the Texas Application for State Financial

Aid (TASFA) by the priority deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup> (final deadline is March 1).

**A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce *May Not*:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside A&M-Commerce.
- Return to A&M-Commerce and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas County Promise award dollars in award account.
- Have a gap in enrollment between when they complete an associate degree and when they enroll in A&M-Commerce as part of the Dallas County Promise.

**2. Application**

Dallas Promise Scholars must declare their intent to transfer to A&M-Commerce by March 15 with their Dallas College Success Coach during their first year at Dallas College.

Additionally, prospective Dallas County Promise Transfer Scholars must:

- Be admitted to A&M-Commerce by June 1 for Fall or December 1 for Spring semesters including submitting official transcripts from all previously attended and/or currently enrolled colleges/universities.
- For the current school year have a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA by the priority deadline of January 15 (final deadline is March 1) which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for federal aid verification.
- To ensure prospective students are eligible to apply for other A&M-Commerce competitive scholarships, Dallas County Promise students are encouraged to be admitted to A&M-Commerce and to have applied for financial aid by the published priority deadlines.

**3. Payments and Renewal Criteria**

Once a Dallas County Promise scholar is enrolled at A&M-Commerce, scholars must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered in a minimum of at least 15 credit hours through the 12<sup>th</sup> class day for each Fall and Spring semester (non-enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 15 credit hours at the end of each Fall and Spring semester/term
- Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 to be checked at the end of each Fall and Spring semester. Students Falling below a 2.00 GPA at the Fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Dallas County Promise in the Spring.
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of A&M-Commerce's Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the A&M-Commerce Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within four (4) semesters (two academic years) of enrollment at A&M-Commerce.

For more information about applying for transfer admission, scholarships or financial aid contact [Yadira.Munoz@tamuc.edu](mailto:Yadira.Munoz@tamuc.edu).

## **Section V: Texas Woman's University**

All Dallas County Promise (Dallas Promise) scholars who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program are eligible to attend TWU as a first-year or transfer student.

Students enrolling in TWU directly after graduating from high school, including students completing an associate degree in high school, may be eligible for a last-dollar tuition and mandatory fees award to cover the remaining balance of any tuition and mandatory fees for 12 or more credit hours each semester for up to four academic years (Summer terms and non-TWU enrolled hours are not included) (15 hours recommended) NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student.

For students completing an associate degree after attending Dallas College as part of the Dallas County Promise program, TWU will cover the remaining balance of any tuition and mandatory fees for 12 or more credit hours each semester for up to four semesters NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits, and/or waiver programs received by the student, as long as TWU's Dallas Promise requirements are met. (15 hours strongly recommended).

To be eligible for Dallas County Promise, students must be Texas residents, admitted to TWU, meet all the deadlines outlined below, and be Pell Grant eligible or have a Pell Grant eligible EFC (will change to SAI for 2024-25 school year). For 2023-24 TASFA transfer students, EFC eligibility will be from \$0-\$6,656. Once the SAI maximum is determined for Pell Eligibility, this document will be updated with the appropriate changes.

For transfer students, the Dallas Promise award will pay for the remainder of tuition and mandatory fees after federal, state, and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied. Dallas County Promise award recipients should plan to budget for additional items that include, but are not limited to: non mandatory institutional fees, housing and food, transportation, supplies (both academic and personal), parking fees, etc.

### **A. First Time In College (FTIC) Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at Texas Woman's University**

Students who graduate from high school with a diploma and/or an associate degree are eligible to enroll directly to Texas Woman's University and to be considered for a last-dollar award for 12 or more credit hours each semester for up to eight consecutive semesters (four consecutive years). Once enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours, TWU will pay for the remainder of

tuition and mandatory fees after federal, state and institutional grants, and/or scholarships are applied.

### **1. Eligibility (2023-2024)**

TWU agrees to fund eligible Dallas Promise students graduating from high schools identified by Dallas Promise as part of the Dallas County Promise. 2023-2024 high school graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at Texas Woman's University as new, first-year students if they meet the following criteria.

1. Provide a copy of a signed Dallas Promise commitment letter to the TWU Associate of College Readiness and Success at the TWU Admissions Office.
2. Be an official resident of the State of Texas.
3. Be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant or have a Pell Grant eligible SAI as determined by FAFSA or TASFA.
4. Apply to TWU by March 1, 2024 (Priority deadline). Enroll and attend classes the Fall semester after high school graduation.
  - a. Promise scholars must enroll/attend in the Fall and Spring semester during their first year and must not skip a Fall or Spring semester during the four-year eligibility period.
  - b. Promise Scholars may receive the award benefit for Fall and Spring terms but NOT for Summer or mini terms.
  - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for one long semester (Fall or Spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll/attend each Fall and Spring semesters.
5. Start classes the Fall semester after their high school graduation.
6. Maintain full-time enrollment in each long semester and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
7. This award is applicable for a maximum of four consecutive academic years if all requirements are met.

### **2. Application**

- Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for Path, admissions application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
- Apply to TWU by the priority deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Have a complete financial aid file (FAFSA or TASFA) on/before March 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information about applying for admission/scholarships or financial aid contact Bailey Cockerham at [bcockerham@twu.edu](mailto:bcockerham@twu.edu) or the TWU Office of Admissions at [admissions@twu.edu](mailto:admissions@twu.edu).

### **3. Payments and Renewal**

Once a Dallas Promise Scholar graduating from high school with a diploma is enrolled at TWU, they must maintain specific criteria to continue receiving the Dallas Promise award. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered for a recommended 15 credit hours with a requirement of 12 credit hour enrollment through the 12th class day each Fall and Spring semester (non-TWU enrolled hours are not included. Minimum credit hour exceptions may be provided for students in internship, student teaching, or completing major prerequisites.)
- Earn at least 30 credit hours by the beginning of the next Fall semester. These hours may be completed in the Fall and Spring or in the Summer. Promise scholars enrolling in 6 credit hours in the Summer terms **may** qualify for **FREE SUMMER HOUSING**.
- Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 to be checked at the end of each Fall and Spring semester. Students Falling below a 2.0 GPA at the end of the Fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Promise in the Spring.
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of TWU Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the TWU Undergraduate Catalog.
- Complete a bachelor's degree within eight (8) consecutive semesters of enrollment at TWU.

#### **Dallas Promise Scholar at TWU May:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Scholarships Office at TWU for further details at [scholarships@twu.edu](mailto:scholarships@twu.edu))

#### **A Dallas Promise Scholar at TWU Must:**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by the priority deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup> and final deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **A Dallas Promise Scholar at TWU May Not:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside TWU.
- Return to TWU and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas Promise dollars in award account.

**NOTE: Dallas Promise Scholars that graduate from High School with Associate Degree or have College Credit/Hours and a High School Diploma and a college cumulative grade point average of less than a 2.0 will have their file reviewed by the TWU Scholarship Office to determine eligibility for the last dollar award.**

## **B. Transfer Enrollment to Texas Woman's University**

### **1. Eligibility**

Scholars who remain Dallas Promise eligible and complete an associate degree from Dallas College with at least a 2.00 GPA can receive a last-dollar, tuition and mandatory fees last dollar award to TWU.

Transfer eligibility criteria is as follows:

1. Dallas Promise Scholars must maintain Dallas Promise eligibility at Dallas College and must enroll at TWU the Fall or Spring semester after graduation from Dallas College with their transferable associate degree (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts in Teaching)
2. Be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
3. Be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant or have a Pell Grant eligible EFC or SAI\* as determined by FAFSA or TASFA.
4. Student must be accepted for transfer admission to TWU no later than April 1 (priority) with July 1<sup>st</sup> (final deadline) for the Fall semester or November 1 (priority) with December 1<sup>st</sup> (final deadline) for the Spring semester of the year in which the student intends to transfer.
5. Student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) each year on/before March 1 for Fall or December 1 for Spring (which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification).
6. Must start classes the semester after their associate degree completion.
  - a) Dallas Promise scholars may not skip a Fall or Spring semester during the five-semester eligibility period.
  - b) Promise Scholars may receive the award benefit for Fall and Spring terms but NOT for Summer or mini terms.
  - c) "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Dallas Promise and sit out for one long semester (Fall or Spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each Fall and Spring semesters.

*\*Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) is used for Spring 2024 students; Student Aid Index (SAI) will be used for Fall 2024 students and beyond.*

Transfer students who do not meet the Dallas Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. International students currently are not eligible to receive the tuition benefit at TWU through the Dallas Promise program.

### **A Dallas Promise Scholar at TWU May:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at TWU for further details at [finaid@twu.edu](mailto:finaid@twu.edu))

#### **A Dallas Promise Scholar at TWU Must:**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by March 1 each year.

#### **A Dallas Promise Scholar at TWU May Not:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside TWU.
- Return to TWU and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas Promise dollars in his/her award account.
- Have a gap in enrollment between when they complete an associate degree and when they enroll in TWU as part of Promise.

## **2. Application**

Dallas Promise Scholars must declare their intent to transfer to TWU by March 15 with their Dallas College Success Coach during their first year at Dallas College.

Additionally, prospective Dallas Promise Transfer Scholars must:

7. Be admitted to TWU no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> (priority) with July 1<sup>st</sup> (final deadline) for the Fall semester or November 1<sup>st</sup> (priority) with December 1<sup>st</sup> (final) for the Spring semester of the year in which the student intends to transfer (including submitting official transcripts from all previously attended and/or currently enrolled colleges/universities).
8. Have a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA on/before March 1 for Fall or December 1 for Spring which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.

## **3. Payments and Renewal Criteria**

Once a Dallas Promise scholar is enrolled at TWU, scholars must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered in a minimum of at least 12 credit hours through the 12<sup>th</sup> class day for each Fall and Spring semester (non-enrolled hours are not included)



- Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each Fall and Spring semester/term. It is strongly suggested a student earn 30 credit hours in two long terms or two long terms and Summer sessions.
- Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 to be checked at the end of each Fall and Spring semester. Students Falling below a 2.0 GPA at the Fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Promise in the Spring.
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of TWU's Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Complete a bachelor's degree within four (4) semesters of enrollment at TWU

For more information about applying for transfer admission, scholarships or financial aid contact Bailey Cockerham at [bcockerham@twu.edu](mailto:bcockerham@twu.edu) or the TWU Office of Admissions at [admissions@twu.edu](mailto:admissions@twu.edu).

## **Section VI: University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas)**

At the University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas), the Dallas County Promise (Promise) is funded by UNT Dallas institutional funds. This is a last dollar tuition-only program.

All Promise scholars who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program and admission standards at UNT Dallas are eligible to attend UNT Dallas as a first-year or transfer student.

Promise Scholars attending UNT Dallas may participate in two paths as outlined in this section.

1. First-Year Direct entry from high school to UNT Dallas
2. Transfer from Dallas College to UNT Dallas

UNTD Promise funding is only available for a student's first bachelor's degree. Additionally, Dallas County Promise Scholars will be paired with and supported by a UNT Dallas success coach and academic advisor.

UNT Dallas also participates and offers funding through the Parent Promise Program for those who qualify based on eligibility set forth in the Parent Promise Program policy document. Please refer to that separate document for further details.

*Beyond the expenses funded by UNT Dallas' Dallas County Promise, scholars should budget for other college costs that include, but are not limited to items like: mandatory fees, instructional fees, housing, supplies (both academic and personal), transportation, parking permit and food.*

*Program requirements and procedures may change depending on extenuating circumstances. For the latest information visit:*

*<https://www.untDallas.edu/admissions/freshman/dallas-county-promise.php>*

### **A. First-Year Direct Entry from High School to UNT Dallas**

Students who graduate from a participating Promise high school (see Appendix A) with 1) their high school diploma OR 2) with both an associate degree and a high school diploma are eligible to enroll directly at UNT Dallas as a first-year student.

- **Traditional HS Diploma Eligibility Pathway**: Students with a high school diploma, including those with college credit but no associate degree, will be considered for a last-dollar tuition award at UNT Dallas.

- **Associate Degree and HS Diploma Eligibility Pathway**: Students who graduate from high school with both their Associate degree and a high school diploma will be considered for a last-dollar tuition award at UNT Dallas.

Students must also meet the UNT Dallas Promise deadlines and UNT Dallas admission criteria to be considered for Dallas County Promise funding. Funding is limited and students are prioritized based on date of admission. The UNTD Dallas County Promise award covers the remaining balance on the full cost of tuition only for up to four academic years or bachelor's degree completion (whichever comes first) that is not covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student.

The UNT Dallas Promise award is available exclusively to students who meet the following eligibility requirements and are selected as a recipient.

### **1. Eligibility**

2023-2024 high school graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at UNT Dallas as a first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full 2023-2024 school year and graduate in the 2023-2024 school year with at least a high school diploma.
  - a. Students graduating in December 2023 are Promise eligible; however, Promise funding does not begin until the Fall semester following high school graduation for those who qualify.
  - b. Students must graduate between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 to be eligible for Promise in Fall 2024.
  - c. High school students that do not meet the Dallas County Promise deadlines or do not graduate with at least their high school diploma and choose to attend UNT Dallas as a first-year student will be responsible for all tuition and costs not covered by other scholarships or financial aid.
2. Meet all undergraduate admission criteria and be admitted into UNT Dallas into a degree granting program.
3. Meet all Dallas County Promise deadlines for the Promise Path form, admission application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
4. Have a family adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$65,000 or less (as reported on the FAFSA/TASFA).

5. Are a U.S. Citizen or are a Non-U.S. Citizen eligible to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) application based on Texas residency requirements.
  - a. Students who have not met Texas residency requirements must file a residency appeal with UNT Dallas to receive Dallas County Promise.
  - b. UNT Dallas does not currently process applications for students classified as international students (those holding an F1 student visa). Students classified as international students are currently not eligible for the Promise award.
6. Must start classes the Fall or Spring semester after their high school graduation.
  - a. Promise scholars must enroll in the Fall and Spring semester during their first year and may not skip a Fall or Spring semester.
  - b. Promise scholars may enroll in Fall, Spring, or Summer terms after enrolling in their initial Fall semester.
  - c. The "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for two consecutive long semesters (Fall or Spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll in the upcoming long semester.

**A Promise Scholar at UNT Dallas May:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship or grant funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at UNT Dallas for further details).
- Participate in a Summer bridge program prior to the start of Fall classes.

**A Promise Scholar at UNT Dallas Must:**

- Accept all scholarship and grant aid that they have been awarded, including Pell, state grants, and institutional scholarships.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, before being reviewed for Dallas County Promise funding. Review process does not begin until after the Census date (12<sup>th</sup> class day) for Fall and Spring terms. Review process for Summer term takes place at the end of the Summer term. For further details visit:

<https://www.untdallas.edu/finaid/scholarships/dallas-county-promise.php>

**A Promise Scholar at UNT Dallas May Not:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university other than UNT Dallas.

- Return to UNT Dallas and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Promise dollars in his/her award account.

## **2. Application**

All students graduating from a Dallas County participating high school (see Appendix A) by the end of Summer 2024 are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program and attend the University of North Texas at Dallas by completing the following:

1. Complete the Promise Path form at [DallasCountyPromise.org](http://DallasCountyPromise.org) by February 1, 2024 and continue to meet all outlined Promise deadlines
2. Submit the UNT Dallas admissions application through [goapplytexas.org](http://goapplytexas.org) by April 1, 2024. NOTE: Priority consideration for other UNT Dallas scholarships is given to students who are admitted by December 1, 2023. Therefore, to ensure students are considered not only for Promise funding but for UNT Dallas competitive scholarships, submitting an admissions application and being admitted as early as possible is highly encouraged.
3. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) and make sure to add the University of North Texas at Dallas, school code 042421, OR Texas residents who are non-citizens need to complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) and submit to UNT Dallas by April 1, 2024.
4. Financial aid and scholarship funding is limited. Aid is given to eligible students who have the greatest need and have submitted **all** the required documents if chosen for verification. The priority date for the Fall semester FAFSA/TASFA submission is May 15, 2024.

## **3. Payments and Renewal**

Once enrolled at UNT Dallas, Promise Scholars must maintain the following to remain eligible:

1. Enroll and earn at least 24 semester credit hours for the academic year.
2. Maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) and meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) at the end of the academic year.
  - a. GPA is calculated at the end of each term.
  - b. Please refer to the UNT Dallas catalog of studies regarding established policies on GPA calculation.

- c. Please refer to <https://www.untDallas.edu/finaid/basics/satisfactory-academic-progress.php> for more information on our SAP policy
3. Maintain a family adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$65,000 or less (as reported on the FAFSA/TASFA), and maintain eligibility for federal, state, and/or institutional financial aid programs.
4. Students are eligible for up to four years of award funding or the completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

The UNT Dallas Financial Aid Office reviews student accounts starting each Census Day (12<sup>th</sup> class day) to ensure students meet eligibility prior to posting Promise funding. Students are expected to make appropriate payment arrangements with Student Business Services to meet account payment requirements and deadlines; because not all charges are covered by Promise funding and receipt of Promise funding is not a guarantee.

## **B. UNT Dallas Promise Transfer Process**

Students who enter a Dallas College campus under Promise, maintain Promise eligibility, and meet UNT Dallas transfer admission criteria will be considered for Dallas County Promise funding. Funding is limited and students are prioritized based on date of admission. Dallas County Promise award covers the remaining balance on the full cost of tuition that is not covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student for up to three (3) consecutive academic years at UNT Dallas (subject to meeting the renewal criteria) or bachelor's degree completion whichever comes first.

The UNT Dallas Promise award is available exclusively to transfer students who meet the following eligibility requirements and are selected as a recipient.

### **1. Eligibility**

All Promise scholars who remain Promise eligible, maintain at least a 2.000 GPA on transferrable credit, has a family adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$65,000 or less, and meet all UNT Dallas eligibility and transfer admission criteria will be considered for Dallas County Promise funding. Funding is limited and students are prioritized based on date of admission. **Students wishing to transfer to UNT Dallas before completing an Associate degree are eligible to receive a Promise award. Students will be encouraged to complete the reverse transfer process to earn their Associate degree.**

## 2. Application

Beginning July 1 in the year prior to transfer (i.e. July 1, 2023 if starting Fall 2024) and no later than March 15 (i.e. March 15, 2024 if starting Fall 2024)

Promise transfer scholars must complete the following:

1. Submit a **Transfer** Apply TX application (if have 12 or more semester credit hours) on [www.goapplytexas.org](http://www.goapplytexas.org) for UNT Dallas. NOTE: Priority consideration for other UNT Dallas transfer scholarships is given to students who are admitted by April 15, 2024. Therefore, to ensure students are considered not only for Promise funding but for UNT Dallas competitive scholarships, submitting an admissions application early is highly encouraged.
2. Submit official transcripts from ALL previously attended and/or currently enrolled colleges/universities.
3. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) and make sure to add the University of North Texas at Dallas, school code 042421, OR Texas residents who are non-citizens need to complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) and submit to UNT Dallas by April 1, 2024. Financial aid and scholarship funding is limited. Aid is given to eligible students who have the greatest need and have submitted **all** the required documents if chosen for verification. The priority date for the Fall semester is May 15, 2024.

## 3. Payments and Renewal

Once enrolled at UNT Dallas, Promise Scholars must maintain the following to remain eligible:

1. Enroll and earn at least 24 semester credit hours for the academic year.
2. Maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) and meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) at the end of the academic year.
  - a. GPA is calculated at the end of each term.
  - b. Please refer to the UNT Dallas catalog of studies regarding established policies on GPA calculation.
  - c. Please refer to <https://www.untDallas.edu/finaid/basics/satisfactory-academic-progress.php> for more information on our SAP policy
3. Maintain a family adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$65,000 or less (as reported on the FAFSA/TASFA), and maintain eligibility for federal, state, and/or institutional financial aid programs.
4. Students are eligible for up to three years of funding or the completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

The UNT Dallas Financial Aid Office reviews student accounts starting each Census Day (12<sup>th</sup> class day) to ensure students meet eligibility prior to posting Promise funding. Students are expected to make appropriate payment arrangements with Student Business Services to meet account payment requirements and deadlines; because not all charges are covered by Promise funding and receipt of Promise funding is not a guarantee.

### **C. UNT Dallas Promise Appeal Process**

If a student encounters a situation involving extenuating circumstances or emergencies that may affect their eligibility to be considered for the Promise Program, the student may submit an appeal with information on the mitigating circumstances that resulted in his or her loss of eligibility. The student may be asked to submit supporting documentation regarding the circumstances. A committee will review each student's submission. The student will be notified within 30 business days after a decision has been made regarding the appeal.



## **Section VII: University of North Texas (UNT)**

All Dallas County Promise (Dallas Promise) scholars who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program and UNT admission requirements are eligible to attend UNT as a first-year or transfer student.

Dallas County Promise Scholars attending UNT may be eligible for the Dallas Promise – UNT Program. This is a last dollar tuition-only grant program that when combined with other need-based grants and scholarships will pay all state mandated and board designated tuition for up to eight consecutive semesters at UNT (subject to meeting the renewal criteria). It is available exclusively to students who meet all eligibility requirements and are selected for the Dallas Promise – UNT Program. Dallas Promise–UNT Program scholars should plan to budget for additional items that include, but are not limited to: mandatory fees, instructional fees, differential tuition, housing and food, transportation, supplies (both academic and personal), and parking fees.

Eligibility and continued participation in the Dallas Promise – UNT Program for students enrolling at UNT directly after graduating from high school or transferring from Dallas College are as follows.

### **A. First Year Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at the Dallas Promise–UNT Program – Traditional HS Diploma OR Both an Associate Degree and HS Diploma**

UNT will select High School Seniors, who graduated from DCP partner high school with a high school diploma or both an associate degree and high school diploma, for the Dallas Promise–UNT Program. This is a last dollar program that combined with other need-based grants and scholarships funds state mandated and board designated tuition. The eligibility periods for direct-entry students are as follows:

- **Traditional HS Diploma Eligibility Period:** Students with a high school diploma (and no associate degree) will be considered for a last-dollar award for 12 or more credit hours each long semester for up to eight (8) consecutive semesters (four academic years) at UNT (subject to meeting the renewal criteria) or attainment of a bachelor’s degree, whichever comes first.
- **Associate Degree and HS Diploma Eligibility Period:** Students who graduate from high school with both their associate degree and a high school diploma will be considered for a last-dollar award for 12 or more credit hours each long semester for up to four (4) semesters (2 academic years) at

UNT (subject to meeting the renewal criteria) or attainment of a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

The Promise award is available exclusively to students who meet the following eligibility requirements and are selected as a recipient.

## **1. Eligibility**

2023-2024 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas Promise–UNT Program at UNT as a new, first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria:

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full 2023-2024 school year and graduate from a participating high school in the 2023-2024 school year
2. Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for the Promise Path form, admission application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Meet need criteria for federal Pell grant eligibility and have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of \$7395 or less as established by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).
4. Have a total family income of \$65,000 or less.
5. Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
6. Must meet eligibility criteria for TEXAS Grant program.
7. Must start classes the Fall semester after their high school graduation.
  - a. Dallas Promise–UNT Program scholars must enroll in the Fall and Spring semester during their first year and must not skip a Fall or Spring semester during their eligibility period.
  - b. Dallas Promise–UNT Program students may receive the award benefit for Fall and Spring terms but NOT for Summer or mini-terms.
  - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for one long semester (Fall or Spring), must complete an appeal to be considered for continuation in the Program.

## **2. Application**

- Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for the Promise Path form, admission application, FERPA waiver, financial aid application, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment
- Be admitted to UNT for the Fall 2024 term no later than February 15, 2024.
- For the 2024-2024 school year have a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA on/before February 15, 2024 which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.
- To ensure prospective students are eligible to apply for other UNT competitive scholarships, eligible Dallas County Promise scholars are encouraged to be

admitted to UNT and to have applied for financial aid by February 15, 2024 for Fall 2024.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships, or financial aid contact [dallaspromise@unt.edu](mailto:dallaspromise@unt.edu).

## **2. Payments and Renewal**

Once a Dallas Promise Scholar graduating from high school with a high school diploma is enrolled at UNT, they must maintain specific criteria to continue receiving Dallas Promise–UNT Program financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered for a minimum of 12 credit hours each Fall and Spring semester (non-UNT enrolled hours are not included)
- Successfully complete at the end of each academic year at least 30 semester credit hours at UNT
- Maintain a minimum UNT cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 at the end of each Fall and Spring semester.
- Maintain eligibility for federal, state, and/or institutional financial aid programs and have an SAI of 7395 or less for the applicable aid year.
- Submit FAFSA and TASFA applications by the established deadline.

### **A Dallas Promise -UNT Program Scholar at UNT may:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds

### **A Dallas Promise -UNT Program Scholar at UNT Must:**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including any federal, state, and/or institutional grants and scholarships.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by February 15 each year.

### **A Dallas Promise -UNT Program Scholar at UNT *May Not*:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside UNT.
- Return to UNT and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas Promise dollars in award account.

## **B. Transfer Enrollment to the University of North Texas**

### **1. Eligibility**

UNT will select up to 10 Transfer students for the Dallas Promise–UNT Program, 5 in the Fall semester and 5 in the Spring semester. This is a last

dollar program that when combined with other need-based grants and scholarships will fund all state mandated and board designated tuition for up to four (4) consecutive semesters (2 academic years) at UNT (subject to meeting the renewal criteria). Scholars who remain Dallas Promise eligible and complete an associate degree from Dallas College with at least a 2.000 GPA and meet all UNT eligibility criteria may receive a last-dollar, tuition-only award to UNT. **Students wishing to transfer to UNT before completing an associate degree are ineligible for the Dallas Promise/Dallas Promise-UNT Program.** The Dallas Promise-UNT Program is available exclusively to transfer students who meet the following eligibility requirements and are selected as a recipient.

Transfer eligibility criteria is as follows:

1. Dallas Promise-UNT Program Scholars must maintain Dallas Promise eligibility at Dallas College and must enroll at UNT the Fall or Spring semester after graduation from Dallas College with their transferable associate degree (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts in Teaching)
2. Be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
3. Must meet eligibility criteria for TEXAS Grant program.
4. Meet need criteria for federal Pell grant eligibility and have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of 7395 or less as established by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).
5. Have a family total income of \$65,000 or less.
6. Must start classes the Fall or Spring semester after completing their associate degree.
  - a. Dallas Promise-UNT Program students must enroll in the Fall and Spring semester during their first year and must not skip a Fall or Spring semester during the two-year eligibility period.
  - b. Dallas Promise-UNT Program students may receive the award benefit for Fall and Spring terms but NOT for Summer or mini-terms.
  - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for one long semester (Fall or Spring), must complete an appeal form to be considered for continuation in the Program.

Transfer students who do not meet the Dallas Promise-UNT deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. International students currently are not eligible to receive the tuition benefit at UNT through the Dallas Promise program.

**A Dallas Promise -UNT Program Scholar at UNT may:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds.

### **A Dallas Promise -UNT Program Scholar at UNT Must:**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including any federal, state, and/or institutional grants and scholarships.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by March 1 each year.

### **A Dallas Promise -UNT Program Scholar at UNT *May Not*:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside UNT.
- Return to UNT and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas Promise dollars in award account.

## **2. Application**

- Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for the Promise Path form, admission application, FERPA waiver, financial aid application, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment
- Be admitted by April 1, 2024 for Fall 2024 or December 1, 2024 for Spring 2024 semesters including submitting official transcripts from all previously attended and/or currently enrolled colleges/universities.
- Have a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA on/before April 1, 2024 for Fall 2024 or December 1, 2024 for Spring 2024 which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.
- To ensure prospective students are considered not only for Dallas Promise but for UNT's competitive scholarships, scholars are encouraged to be admitted and apply for financial aid by April 1, 2024 for Fall 2024 or November 1, 2024 for Spring 2024.

## **3. Payments and Renewal Criteria**

Once a Dallas Promise Scholar graduating from Dallas College with an associate degree is enrolled at UNT, they must maintain specific criteria to continue receiving Dallas Promise–UNT Program financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered for a minimum of 12 credit hours each Fall and Spring semester (non-UNT enrolled hours are not included)
- Successfully complete at the end of each academic year at least 30 semester credit hours at UNT
- Maintain a minimum UNT cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 at the end of each Fall and Spring semester.

- Maintain eligibility for federal, state, and/or institutional financial aid programs and have an SAI of \$7395 or for the applicable aid year.
- Submit FAFSA and TASFA applications by the established deadline.

For more information about applying for transfer admission, scholarships or financial aid contact [dallaspromise@unt.edu](mailto:dallaspromise@unt.edu).

## **Section VIII: The University of Texas at Arlington**

### **UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Award 2024-2025**

All Dallas County Promise (Dallas Promise) students who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A), meet the deadlines and requirements of the UTA Dallas Promise program, and meet UTA admission requirements are eligible to attend UTA as a first-year student or transfer student with a Dallas College associate degree.

Eligible students that complete the FAFSA from families with an adjusted gross income of \$85,000 or less, may have tuition paid with a combination of federal, state, and The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) funds as long as they are Federal Pell Grant and TEXAS Grant eligible. The same is true for TASFA S.B. 1528 students except the Student Aid Index must be equivalent to Federal Pell Grant eligibility. This ensures that students will have no out-of-pocket costs for tuition and required course fees.

UTA funds will be “last-dollar,” meaning funds will be applied after federal, state, and/or other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs are applied to the student’s bill to pay for 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester (summer terms and non-UTA enrolled hours are not included). The total number of offers is based on fund availability.

UTA Dallas Promise Recipients should plan to budget for additional items not covered by the UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Award, including, but not limited to: institutional fees, housing, food, travel, transportation, supplies (both academic and personal), parking fees, etc.

First-year students (including students completing an associate degree while in high school) must enroll at UTA directly after graduating from high school.

Transfer students **must enroll at UTA in the fall semester directly after completing an associate degree** at Dallas College within two years of high school graduation and maintain eligibility in the Dallas County Promise program.

UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Awards are applied after all eligibility and annual renewal criteria are met, for up to a time period of continuous enrollment in 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester immediately following high school graduation not to exceed 150 total attempted credit hours (including dual credit and transfer credit), or when a student earns their first bachelor’s degree – whichever comes first. International students are not eligible.

## **A. First-year Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at The University of Texas at Arlington – Traditional HS Diploma**

Students who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A), and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program and meet admission requirements at UTA are eligible to enroll at UTA directly after high school graduation and be considered for a full-tuition award package which includes state and federal financial aid to pay for 12 or more credit hours each Fall and Spring semester for up to eight semesters (four years), or 150 total attempted credit hours (including dual credit and transfer credit) or when the student earns their first bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

After eligible Dallas Promise students are enrolled at UTA, UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Award will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state, and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied. Annual renewal requirements must be met.

First-year 2024-25 students who do not meet the full-tuition award requirements or application deadlines may still receive other state, federal, and UTA financial aid as long as they meet requirements. Students who do not meet the UTA Dallas Promise student application deadlines will be offered the best financial aid package possible based on available funds at the time of the award. Students not receiving the Dallas Promise last-dollar award will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid.

### **1. First-year Student Eligibility Requirements**

High School graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at The University of Texas at Arlington as a new, first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full 2023-2024 school year and graduate from a participating high school in the 2024 school year.
2. Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for the promise path, admission application, FERPA waiver, financial aid application, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Must complete the FAFSA or TASFA by April 1, 2024 and be eligible to receive funds through the Federal Pell Grant and/or Texas Grant programs.
4. Have a family adjusted gross income of \$85,000 or less.
5. Must be a Texas resident (for tuition purposes).
6. Must start classes the Fall semester after their high school graduation.



- a. Dallas Promise scholars must enroll in the Fall and Spring semester during their first year and must not skip a Fall or Spring semester during the up to four-year eligibility period.
  - b. Dallas Promise Scholars may receive the award benefit for Fall and Spring terms but not for Summer or mini terms.
  - c. Students who enter UTA as a Dallas Promise student and “stop out” or drop enrollment for a long semester (Fall or Spring) will be ineligible for the program and the UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award.
7. Register for a minimum of at least 12 credit hours per semester (Fall and Spring).

International students are not eligible

## **2. First-year Student Application Deadlines**

- For the 2024-25 school year, submit a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA to UTA (UTA Federal School Code 003656) on or before April 1, 2024.
- Application for admission to UTA for the Fall 2024 term and all required supporting admission documents must be received on or before April 1, 2024.
- All required financial aid supporting verification documents for UTA must be received on or before April 1, 2024.

Note: Dallas Promise students are encouraged to apply by December 1<sup>st</sup> for UTA competitive merit scholarships.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships, or financial aid contact our counselors at [UTADallasPromise@uta.edu](mailto:UTADallasPromise@uta.edu).

## **B. First- year Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at The University of Texas at Arlington- Graduate from HS with an Associate Degree and HS Diploma**

First-year 2024 graduates from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) who have earned their associate’s degree, and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program, meet UTA admission requirements, may be considered for a full tuition award for 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester for up to four semesters (2 years), or 150 total attempted credit hours (including dual credit and transfer credit) or when the student earns their first bachelor’s degree, whichever comes first. The total number of offers is based on fund availability.

After eligible Dallas Promise students are enrolled at UTA, UTA Dallas Promise last-dollar awards will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state, and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied. Annual full tuition award renewal requirements must be met.

First-year 2024-25 students with an associate degree who do not meet the Last-Dollar award requirements or application deadlines may still receive other state, federal, and UTA financial aid as long as they meet requirements. Students who do not meet the UTA Dallas Promise application deadlines will be offered the best financial aid package possible based on available funds at the time of the award. Students not receiving the Dallas Promise Last-Dollar award will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid.

### **1. First-year Student with an Associate Degree Eligibility Requirements**

2024 graduates are eligible to participate in the UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Award program at The University of Texas at Arlington as a new, first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full 2023-2024 school year and graduate from a participating high school in the 2024 school year.
2. Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for the Promise Path, admission application, FERPA waiver, financial aid application, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Must complete the FAFSA or TASFA by April 1, 2024, and be eligible to receive funds through the Federal Pell Grant and/or Texas Grant programs.
4. Have a family adjusted gross income of \$85,000 or less.
5. Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
6. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.
  - a. Dallas Promise scholars must enroll in the fall and spring semester during their first year and must not skip a fall or spring semester during the two-year eligibility period.
  - b. Dallas Promise scholars may receive the award benefit for fall and spring terms but not for summer or mini terms.
  - c. Students who enter UTA as a Dallas Promise student and “stop out” or drop enrollment for a long semester (fall or spring) will be ineligible for the program and the UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award.
7. Register for a minimum of at least 12 credit hours per semester (fall and spring).

## **2. First-year Student with Associate Degree Application Deadlines**

- For the 2024-25 school year, submit a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA to UTA (with UTA's school code 003656) on or before April 1, 2024.
- Application for admission to UTA for the Fall 2024 term and all required supporting admission documents must be received on or before April 1, 2024.
- All required financial aid supporting verification documents for UTA must be received on or before April 1, 2024.

Note: Dallas Promise students are encouraged to apply by December 1<sup>st</sup> for UTA competitive merit scholarships.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships, or financial aid contact our counselors at [UTADallasPromise@uta.edu](mailto:UTADallasPromise@uta.edu).

### **C. Transfer Student Dallas County Promise Enrollment at The University of Texas at Arlington**

Dallas Promise Recipients who remain Dallas Promise eligible and complete an associate's degree from Dallas College within two years of high school graduation, meet UTA admissions requirements with a 2.25 minimum GPA, and meet the other UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Award eligibility criteria may be considered for UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Award for 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester for up to four semesters (2 years) or 150 total attempted credit hours or until the student earns their first bachelor's degree, whichever comes first. Transfer students must enroll at UTA directly after completing an associate degree at Dallas College and maintain eligibility in the UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Award program.

After eligible Dallas Promise students are enrolled at UTA, UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Award will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state, and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied. Annual UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Award renewal requirements must be met.

Transfer students with an associate degree must apply for the Fall semester only to be considered for Dallas Promise at UTA. Transfer students with an associate degree who do not meet the Last-Dollar award requirements or application deadlines may still receive other state, federal, and UTA financial aid as long as they meet requirements. Students who do not meet the UTA Dallas Promise application deadlines will be awarded with the best

financial aid package possible based on available funds at the time of the award. Students not receiving the Dallas Promise full-tuition award will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. Total offers are based on fund availability.

## **1. Transfer Student Eligibility Requirements**

1. Dallas Promise Recipients must maintain Dallas Promise eligibility at Dallas College and must enroll at UTA with their transferable associate degree from Dallas College (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts in Teaching) earned within two years after high school graduation.
2. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) by April 1, 2024
3. Be eligible to receive funds through the Federal Pell Grant and/or Texas Grant Programs
4. Be a Texas resident (for tuition purposes).
5. Have a Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$85,000 or less.
6. All required financial aid supporting verification documents for UTA must be received on or before April 1, 2024.
7. Must submit final Dallas College transcript with associate degree conferred by May 2024 to UTA by June 15, 2024.
  - a. Dallas Promise Recipients must start classes the semester after their associate degree completion.
  - b. Dallas Promise Recipients may not skip a fall or spring semester during the up to four-semester eligibility period.
  - c. Dallas Promise Recipients may receive the last-dollar award for fall and spring semesters but not for summer or mini terms.
  - d. Students who enter UTA as a Dallas Promise recipient and “stop out” or drop enrollment for a long semester (fall or spring) will be ineligible for the program and the UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Award.
8. Register for at least 12 credit hours per semester (fall and spring).

## **2. Transfer Application Deadlines**

- Submit a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA to UTA (UTA Federal School Code 003656) on or before April 1, 2024.
- Application for admission to UTA for the Fall 2024 term and all required supporting admission documents must be received on or before April 1, 2024.

- All required financial aid supporting verification documents for UTA must be received on or before April 1, 2024.
- Conferred Associate Degree must be reflected on a transcript and received by UTA no later than June 15, 2024.

Note: Dallas Promise transfer students are encouraged to apply early and well before the academic scholarship deadline for UTA Transfer student scholarships.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships, or financial aid contact our counselors at [UTADallasPromise@uta.edu](mailto:UTADallasPromise@uta.edu).

## **D. The UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Award Renewal Requirements**

After a first time Dallas Promise Scholar graduating from high school with a high school diploma and/or associate degree or a transfer student with an associate degree from Dallas College is enrolled at UTA, they must maintain renewal requirements to continue receiving the Dallas Promise.

Dallas Promise last-dollar award is applied after all eligibility and annual renewal requirements of [TEXAS Grant](#) are met, for up to a time period of continuous enrollment in 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester within the enrollment time period after high school graduation not to exceed 150 total attempted credit hours (including dual credit and transfer credit), or when a student earns their first bachelor's degree – whichever comes first.

### **1. UTA Dallas Promise Last-Dollar Award Renewal Requirements**

1. Submit the FAFSA and/or TASFA on/before annual published deadlines including all required supporting documents for financial aid to UTA.
2. Have a Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$85,000 or less.
3. Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
4. Earn at least 12 credit hours at UTA each fall and spring semester (non-UTA enrolled hours are not included).
5. Maintain a minimum end of academic year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 to be checked at the end of each spring semester. (Students falling below a 2.50 UTA cumulative GPA at the fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Dallas Promise in the immediately following spring semester).
6. Meet and maintain minimum standards of UTA Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the UTA Undergraduate Catalog.
7. Be within the eligible enrollment period since graduation from a Dallas County participating high school with continuous enrollment in 12 or more

credit hours each fall and spring semester, not to exceed 150 total

attempted credit hours (including dual credit and transfer credit) without having already earned the first bachelor's degree – whichever comes first.

8. Meet [TEXAS Grant](#) renewal requirements.

**A UTA Dallas Promise Scholar at UTA Must**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell grants, state grants, and scholarships.
- Complete their financial aid application, including verification, on or before published annual deadlines. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of changes from year to year by reading financial aid publications, direct or indirect communications, and websites.
- Adhere to enrollment and financial aid policies.

**A UTA Dallas Promise Scholar at UTA May**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office at UTA for further details at [schol@uta.edu](mailto:schol@uta.edu)).

**A UTA Dallas Promise Scholar at UTA *May Not***

- Transfer the funds to another college/university outside UTA.
- Return to UTA and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- "Stop Out" or drop enrollment from a Fall or Spring semester at UTA during their Dallas Promise Program eligibility period.

## Appendix A: 2023-2024 Participating High Schools

Students attending a district's alternative campus are eligible so long as the student's transcript reflects the name of a participating high school. Students must have been enrolled in a Promise high school as of November 1, 2023 and graduated from a Promise high school by June 30, 2024 to be considered for Promise eligibility.

\*New for 2023-2024

### Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD

- Brookhaven Early College HS
- Newman Smith HS
- R.L. Turner HS
- Creekview HS
- Ranchview HS

### Cedar Hill ISD

- Cedar Hill Collegiate HS
- Cedar Hill HS

### Dallas ISD

- Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy
- Booker T Washington HS for the Performing and Visual Arts
- Bryan Adams HS
- CityLab HS
- David W. Carter HS
- Dr Wright L. Lassiter Jr Early College HS
- Emmett J. Conrad HS
- Franklin D. Roosevelt HS
- H. Grady Spruce HS
- Hillcrest HS
- Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship Academy
- James Madison HS
- Judge Sanders Law Magnet
- Justin F. Kimball HS
- Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy
- L. G. Pinkston HS
- Lincoln Humanities/Communications Magnet HS
- Moises E. Molina HS
- New Tech HS
- North Dallas HS
- North Lake Early College HS\*
- Rosie Sorrells ESS
- School for the Talented and Gifted\*
- School of Business & Management
- School of Health Professions
- School of Science & Engineering
- Seagoville HS
- Skyline HS
- South Oak Cliff HS
- Sunset HS
- Thomas Jefferson HS
- Trinidad Garza ECHS at Mountain View
- W. H. Adamson HS
- W. T. White HS
- W. W. Samuel HS
- Wilmer-Hutchins HS
- Woodrow Wilson HS

### DeSoto ISD

- DeSoto HS

### Duncanville ISD

- Duncanville HS
- Mary E. Smithey Pace HS\*

### Garland ISD

- Garland HS
- Lakeview Centennial HS
- Naaman Forest HS
- North Garland HS
- South Garland HS
- Rowlett HS
- Sachse HS

### Grand Prairie ISD

- Crosswinds HS
- Dubiski HS
- Grand Prairie HS
- South Grand Prairie HS

### Irving ISD

- Irving HS
- Jack E. Singley Academy
- MacArthur HS
- Nimitz HS

### Lancaster ISD

- Lancaster HS

### Mesquite ISD

- Mesquite HS
- North Mesquite HS
- West Mesquite HS
- John Horn HS
- Ralph Poteet HS

### Richardson ISD

- Berkner HS
- J.J. Pearce HS
- Lake Highlands HS
- Richardson HS

### Uplift Education\*

- Atlas Preparatory\*
- Grand Preparatory\*
- Hampton Preparatory\*
- Heights Preparatory\*
- Infinity Preparatory\*
- Luna Preparatory\*
- North Hills Preparatory\*
- Williams Preparatory\*
- Wisdom Preparatory\*



## Appendix B: 2023-2024 Promise-Eligible CEU Stand-Alone Programs and CE Institutional Awards at Dallas College

All credit course programs at Dallas College are Promise-eligible. Only the following non-credit CEU programs are Promise-eligible as of 09/01/2022 for students entering Dallas College directly from high school. Note: Promise-eligible programs for Parent Promise candidates can be found online:

<https://www.dallascollege.edu/paying-for-college/parent-promise/pages/promise-awards.aspx>

### College Abbreviation Key

BHC = Brookhaven College      MVC = Mountain View College  
 CVC = Cedar Valley College      NLC = North Lake College  
 ECC = El Centro College      RLC = Richland College  
 EFC = Eastfield College

CEU Stand-Alone Programs					
College	CEU Program	CIP Code	Contact Hours	Chair	Phone Ext.
CVC	CEU Basic Peace Officer	43.0107	774	Mark Smith	8039
CVC	CEU Fire Fighting Certificate	43.0203	564	Steve Sanchez	8295
ECC	CEU Basic Firefighter Certificate	43.0203	680	Gloria Smith	5725
ECC	CEU Basic Police Recruit Training	43.0107	774	Gloria Smith	5725
ECC	CEU Conflict Management Specialist Certificate	52.0101	432	Adam McGough	2393
ECC	CEU Medical Assisting Certificate	51.0801	720	Sandra Alexander	5048
EFC	CEU Basic Peace Officer	43.0107	774	Marcia Hasenyager	7689
EFC	CEU Mechatronic Technician Certificate	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
NLC	CEU Commercial Carpentry Certificate	15.1001	560	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Commercial Electrical Certificate	15.1001	640	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Commercial HVAC Certificate	15.1001	640	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Commercial Masonry Certificate	15.1001	360	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Commercial Plumbing Certificate	15.1001	640	Lawrence Johnson	7879

NLC	CEU Electrical Pre-Apprentice Certificate	46.0302	384	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Field Engineering Certificate	15.1001	448	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Pipefitting Certificate	15.1001	640	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Plumbing, Pipefitting and HVAC Certificate	15.1001	668-704	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Residential Builder/Contractor Certificate	15.1001	368	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Residential Carpentry Certificate	15.1001	480	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Sheet Metal Certificate	15.1001	640	TBD	TBD
NLC	CEU Surveying Certificate	15.1001	624	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Welding Certificate	15.1001	480	Lawrence Johnson	7879
RLC	CEU Import-Export Certificate	52.1101	496	Heather Young	6716
RLC	CEU Entry-Level Pharmacy Technician Certificate	51.0805	402	Tiffany Johnson	6308
RLC	CEU Medical Assisting Certificate	51.0801	768	Berna Thomas	6920
EFC, MVC	CEU Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) Certificate	48.0508	512	EFC - Jeff Mitchell MVC - Lorraine Hood-Jack	EFC - 7066 MVC - 3627
EFC, MVC	CEU Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) Certificate	48.0508	512	EFC - Jeff Mitchell MVC - Lorraine Hood-Jack	EFC - 7066 MVC - 3627
EFC, MVC	CEU Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) Certificate	48.0508	512	EFC - Jeff Mitchell MVC - Lorraine Hood-Jack	EFC - 7066 MVC - 3627

<b>CE Institutional Awards</b>					
NLC	CE Administrative Assistant Occupational Skills Award	52.0407	320	Lynne Smith-Brush	3469
NLC	CE Cisco Networking Assistant Occupational Skills Award	11.0901	224	Lynne Smith-Brush	3469
NLC	CE Cisco Networking Technician Occupational	11.0901	224	Lynne Smith-Brush	3469
NLC	CE Desktop Publishing Occupational Skills Award	52.0407	320	Lynne Smith-Brush	3469
BHC	CE Medical Front Office Assistant Occupational Skills Award	51.0716	272	Susana Ruelas	7846
NLC	CE Office User Specialist Occupational Skills Award	52.0407	304	Lynne Smith-Brush	3469
NLC	CE Supervisory Training Occupational Skills Award	15.1001	262	Lawrence Johnson	7879